

VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans Membership - 2010

Colonel Shirley Quarles, R.N., F.A.A.N, Ed.D., U.S. Army Reserves, Chair, currently serves in the US Army Reserve Nurse Corps, with 27 years of both active and reserve service. Dr. Quarles is also Professor and Department Chair at the Medical College of Georgia Health Sciences University—School of Nursing, and an affiliate Professor at Emory University, School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to these roles, she served as Director of Women's Health Research Initiatives and Clinical Practice Guidelines Coordinator for the Atlanta Research and Education Foundation at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Dr. Quarles was mobilized in support of both Desert Shield Storm (Assistant Officer in Charge of the Mobilization/Demobilization Center, Fort Bragg, NC) and OEF/OIF (General Staff Officer—G1, 81st Regional Readiness Command, Birmingham, AL). Dr. Quarles completed her post doctoral studies in Clinical Nursing Interventions at Emory University's School of Nursing, received an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration and Research Education, a M.Ed. in Community Health Education, and a B.S. in Nursing Science. As a Colonel, Dr. Quarles completed US Army War College and received a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies (MSS). She is also a former council member of the Tri-Service (US Army, Navy and Air Force) Nursing Research Program. In 2008, Dr. Quarles was selected as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has been actively engaged with Advisory Committee on Women Veterans since 2005.

Colonel Matrice W. Browne, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., U.S. Army, Retired, was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1980. During her career, she served as assistant head of the education division in the department of obstetrics/gynecology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), Bethesda, MD; obstetrics/gynecology physician and chief of obstetrics/gynecology service at Dewitt Army Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, VA; chief of ambulatory obstetrics/gynecology service at Walter Reed Health Care System, Washington, D.C.; and chief of the department of Women's Health and chair of patient and family centered care at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital in Ft. Campbell, KY. She received many awards and recognitions, to include: the Joint Service Commendation Medal, for mentoring and recruitment of the USUHS students into the career of obstetrics and gynecology; the APGO Excellence in Teaching Award; USUHS Mentor of the Year; the Order of Military Merit; and the Legion of Merit. She earned a bachelor's degree from University of Texas at San Antonio in 1980 and a medical degree from USUHS in 1985. In 2007, after nearly 26 years on active duty, Dr. Browne retired and began her private practice in Olney, Maryland, specializing in women's health and gynecology--from adolescent to post menopausal care--to include surgical management of gynecological problems, and preventative care. She also holds faculty positions at USUHS and Meharry Medical College.

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Phillip Carter, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, served in various leadership positions throughout his military career. He enlisted in 1968,

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achieving the rank of gunnery sergeant and then was commissioned as an officer in 1976. As the executive officer and training officer for the 9th Motor Transport Battalion, Colonel Carter developed and supervised the transportation plan, and military police support for all Marine Corps units in Okinawa. While serving as the assistant director for the personnel management division at U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters, he made recommendations to military leaders and congressional staffers on manpower issues, minority recruiting, humanitarian assignments and organizational staffing assignments. Colonel Carter served as operations officer for the First Battalion, 5th Marines, and deputy commander for the lead task force--a 1500 member force--during Operation Desert Storm. For his service in the Persian Gulf War, Colonel Carter was decorated for valor. Under his leadership as the commanding officer for the First Recruit Training Battalion in San Diego, his unit was recognized by the California legislature as the outstanding military unit in California. As an instructor and director of curriculum and media relations at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, he developed courses on anti-terrorism, non-lethal weapon employment and urban operations. Colonel Carter is recipient of the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He possesses extensive expertise in long range planning and team building, and is an accomplished briefer and public speaker who has made presentations to national and international leaders. Colonel Carter is currently the lead detective of the economic crimes section for the Sarasota police department in Florida. He has a bachelor's degree in history from Salisbury State University.

Valerie Cortazzo served in the U.S. Navy from May 1981 to June 1987. She is a former employee of the Pittsburgh VA Health Care System, and has been a leading advocate for Veterans in southwestern Pennsylvania, specializing in mental health and women's issues. She has an associate's degrees in paralegal studies, business management, and general studies. She graduated, with high honor, from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in August 2010, earning a dual bachelor's degree in business management and human resources. Ms. Cortazzo is a founding member of the Coalition for Veterans Advocates and continues to volunteer numerous hours helping Veterans and their families. She is a disabled Veteran and holds membership in multiple Veterans service organizations.

Karen Etzler served in the U.S. Air Force as a pneudraulic aircraft mechanic from September 1974 to March 1978, and a personal affairs counselor from March 1978 to August 1979. After a two year break in service, Ms. Etzler re-enlisted as a personal affairs counselor from October 1981 to August 1984. She attained the rank of staff sergeant. Ms. Etzler earned an associate's degree in general studies from Central Texas College in 1984. She also completed VA law/annual Veterans service officer education and maintains current, full accreditation. Her awards include the Missouri Veterans Commission employee of the quarter, Air Force Commendation Medal, and First Oak Leaf Cluster. She served as a Veterans service officer for 11 years, assisting Veterans with their earned VA benefits, and was also appointed as the State of Missouri Women Veterans Coordinator from July 2005, until her retirement in September 2010.

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She holds membership in multiple Veterans service organizations and has three children currently serving in the military.

Ms. Nancy A. Glowacki, U.S. Army Reserves, enlisted in 1994 and received her commission in 1998. She served as the liaison officer for the 4th Psychological Operations Group, Fort Bragg, from September 2002 to August 2004, where she served as the command's subject matter expert on reserve component issues-- to include doctrinal changes, organizational restructuring, policy revisions, and after action reviews—and facilitated the mobilization and deployment of thousands of reserve forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As commander of the Product Development Detachment for the 324th Tactical PSYOP Company in Aurora, CO from April 2001 - February 2002, and the Multinational Division (North) in Bosnia-Herzegovina from February 2002 to September 2002, she led mission analysis, intelligence gathering, target selection, and the development of multi-media advertising campaigns. She was instrumental in the planning and execution of the largest psychological operations reserves mobilization in history--leading unit commanders through all phases of the ever-changing mobilization process. She was medically discharged as a captain in 2005. From 2005-2008, Ms. Glowacki worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs as the primary coordinator of a national initiative designed to bring Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services to service members pending medical separation from the military. Ms. Glowacki received a bachelor's degree in technology from Pittsburg State University in 1998, a master's degree in business administration from Baker College Center for Graduate Studies in 2004, and is currently pursuing a doctorate of management from University of Phoenix. She currently owns a consulting firm, where she serves as a subject matter expert on Veterans' transition issues, specializing in employment and special challenges of disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism.

Colonel Nancy Kaczor, U.S. Air Force, Retired, served more than 26 years. As the commander of the 386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, she served a one year tour in Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait. She was responsible for expeditionary combat support for combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and provided command oversight and accountability for Air Force security forces, civil engineers, and communications personnel embedded in Army units in Kuwait, Southern Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. Colonel Kaczor was appointed as a senior military liaison to the Joint Staff Logistics Directorate and Headquarters European Command during Operations Nobel Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. She also served a 6-month deployment to Kosovo as the contingency support team commander. As a senior official inquiries officer for the Air Force Inspector General at the Pentagon, she investigated allegations of serious misconduct against senior officials as directed by the Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and the Air Force Inspector General. Colonel Kaczor served as the senior aerospace science instructor for Greenfield High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program in Wisconsin. She is active in a number of other service organizations, to include The American Legion, American Veterans, United Church of Christ Confirmation Mentor program, and her Neighborhood Association Board. Colonel Kaczor retired from the Air Force in 2007.

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Lindsay Long served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1997 to 1998 as an aviation electronics technician trainee. She was meritoriously promoted to the rank of private first class and then lance corporal. Ms. Long is currently a chemical operator at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and serves as the American Indian representative for the Department of Energy's Native American Committee. She has an associate's degree in environmental health. Ms. Long is a member of various state and non-profit women Veterans' organizations, such as the Women Marines Association, Women Veterans Network), Tennessee Valley Health System, and the East Tennessee Women Veterans Network, and volunteers to assist with various local homeless Veterans initiatives. She is as a member of the Hopi and Ohkay Owingeh (formerly San Juan Pueblo) tribes.

Sergeant First Class Gundel Metz, Women's Army Corps, U.S. Army Retired enlisted in 1975. After completing Basic Training in Ft. McClellan, Alabama, she successfully completed the German language course at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. She spent her twenty year career as an administrative specialist and chemical operations specialist, serving in various leadership positions. Her duty assignments included posts in Germany, Ft. Benning, Georgia, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky and Camp Casey, Korea. She earned her bachelor's of science degree in public management from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. Ms. Metz's awards include four Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendations Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, one National Defense Service Medal and the Korean Defense Service Medal. She retired from the Army in 1995. Ms. Metz began working for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs in March 2001. In 2004, she was appointed as the State Women Veterans Coordinator (SWVC) by Secretary Scocos of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition to serving as the SWVC, she also serves as a Veterans benefit specialist, assisting Veterans in applying for their state and federal benefits. Ms. Metz has been active with the National Association of Women Veterans Coordinators since 2006.

Lieutenant Colonel Terry Moore, U.S. Air Force, Retired, received her commission in 1984. Among her many assignments, she served as executive officer of the 3902d Supply Squadron at Offutt AFB in Nebraska, an academic affairs staff officer at the Air Force Academy, a section commander of the 1003d Civil Engineering Squadron at Peterson AFB in Colorado, an executive officer of the Air Force Forces, Joint Task Force Bravo at Soto Cano AB in Honduras, and executive officer for the 3d Space Support Wing at Peterson AFB. She planned worldwide deployments to Panama, Saudi Arabia, France, Italy, and Haiti. Prior to her commission, she was the Associate Dean at Iona College in New York. She received her undergraduate degree through the University System of New Hampshire, earned a masters degree in adult education from the University of Southern Maine, received a masters degree in advanced study of air mobility (ASAM) from the Air Force Institute of Technology and Air Mobility Command, and is a 1999 Distinguished Graduate of Air Command and Staff College. Lieutenant Colonel Moore retired from the United States Air Force in 2003. She currently serves

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as the chair of the Maine Advisory Commission on Women Veterans, a member of the Maine Veterans' Home Board of Directors, and is a member of several professional and Veterans service organizations.

Barbara Ward, R.N., M.P.A., U.S. Air Force served during the Vietnam War era, serving as a staff nurse on a general medical-surgical nursing unit. She currently serves as the Deputy Secretary of Women and Minority Veteran Affairs in California, responsible for policy development of issues related to women and minority Veterans, and research issues that require legislative solutions at the local level. She is a licensed R.N. in the State of California, has a bachelor of science in nursing from Florida A&M University, and a masters degree in public administration and health care administration from Golden Gate University in California. She has extensive experience in health care and managed care, is knowledgeable about Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and has experience in project management and program development. She is a board member of various organizations, to include the Health Education Council, a past board member of the American Cancer Society, and a member of Sigma Theta Nursing Sorority.

Kayla Williams served in the U.S. Army from 2000 until 2005. As a soldier with the 101st Airborne Division, she participated in the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003, serving as the commander's interpreter during combat operations. She volunteers as a member of the Board of Directors for Grace After Fire and serves as senior advisor for VoteVets.org. Ms. Williams authored *Love My Rifle More Than You: Young and Female in the US Army*, sharing her experiences as a woman in the military. She has testified before Congress to advocate for women Veterans' issues. Ms. Williams received a bachelor's degree in English literature from Bowling Green State University in 1997 and a master's degree in international relations from American University in 2008. She has been employed with RAND Corporation since 2007 and currently serves as a project associate, conducting research and analysis on intelligence, defense, military, and Veterans' issues.